GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN NATIONALS IN INDIAN JAIL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pak Nationals in Indian jails who have completed their sentence and are still languishing in Indian Jails;

(b) whether the Government have asked Pakistan about their repatriation;

(c) if so, response of Pakistan thereto;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the nationals of other countries are also languishing in Indian Jails after completion of their sentence; and

(f) if so, the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for repatriation of foreign Nationals in Indian Jails who have completed their sentence?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): There are 24 Pakistani prisoners who have completed their jail sentences and are still in Indian Jails.

(b) to (d): Repatriation of Pak prisoners is an ongoing process. The consular access is provided periodically to the Pakistani prisoners. Once they are identified by Pakistani authorities, the prisoners are repatriated.

(e) & (f): The data pertaining to foreigners in Indian Jails is not centrally maintained. However, as and when, the foreigner completes the jail term, he is repatriated to his home country by arranging travel documents from the respective Embassies.